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1. Magyar Optikai Muevek was located in the 12th District, Buda, about 2 or 2½ kilometers west-southwest of Linc Hid (chain bridge) which crossed the Danube. Before 1945, the plant was known as Szus Gyar (Szus factory). It was constructed in 1938 with English capital, and at that time, was a joint Hungarian-English enterprise. Since the war, the plant has been repaired and enlarged.  
the chief manager is a Soviet.

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The points listed hereunder refer to sketch of Buda (12th District), the location of Magyar Optikai Muevek enclosure (A)

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- Point #1 MAGYAR OPTIKAI MUEVEK.
- #2 CSORSZ Street (name changed).
  - #3 and 3a Streets; names unknown.
  - #4 MENIKINA JANOS Street (name unchanged).
  - #5 ALKOTAS Street (name unchanged), leading southwards to Balaton and Budaors highway.
  - #6 FERI OSZKAR Street (old name), now KISS JANOS ALTABORN-AGY Street (new name in honor of Lt Gen K J ).
  - #7 TWO STORY BRICK BUILDING, about 80 meters long and 20 meters wide; low gabled red tile roof. Used as home for deaf, dumb and blind people. The name of this home was VAKOK INTEZETE.

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- #8 THREE STORY, RED BRICK BUILDING, about 200 by 100 meters (in the middle). Low gabled red tile roof. Section A housed the Physical Training Instructor School (TESTNEVELESI FOISKOLA). Section B was a Red Cross Hospital (VOROS KETESZT KORHAZ).
- #9 GYORI Street (name unchanged).
- #10 AVAR Street (name unchanged).
- #11 RAILROAD LINE, single track, approximately five transfer tracks, leading southward towards BALATON Lake.
- #12 RAILROAD TUNNEL, about 150 meters long.
- #13 WOLF KAROLY Street (name unchanged).
- #14 APARTMENT HOUSE BUILDING, three stories high of red brick construction with low gabled red tile roof; approximately 100 by 25 meters. It housed railroad employees and was known as VASUTAS HAZ.
- #15 OLD CEMETERY, TABANI TEMETO, Point 15A: indicates a Soviet War memorial of white marble, about 7 meters high.
- #16 NEW CEMETERY, UJ TABANI TEMETO (old name); NEMETVOLGYI TEMETO (new name). Length, approximately 1000 meters; width, 500 meters.
- #17 STREET, (name unknown)
- #18 BOSZORMENYI Street (name unchanged).
- #19 CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEMETVOLGYI KAPOLNA.
- #20 THREE STORY BRICK BUILDING, about 30 meters long and 15 meters wide, with low gabled red tile roof. This building housed a teachers' college (TANITO KEPZO).
- #21 NEMETVOLGYI Street (name unchanged), leading to BUDAORS.
- #22 VAROSMAJOR Street (name unchanged).
- #23 THE FARKAS RETI cemetery (name unchanged).
- #24 FIVE STORY, RED BRICK BUILDING; about 100 meters long and 40 meters wide, with low gabled red tile roof. This building housed the municipal offices (including courthouse, police, etc.) of the 12th District (XII DERULETI ELOLJAROSAG).
- #25 AREA CONTAINING FOUR BUILDINGS which housed the Police Officers' school (RENDOR AKADEMIA).
- #26 TWO HOSPITAL BUILDINGS.  
Building A; three stories high, of brick construction and stucco, gray color; about 100 meters long and 40 meters wide.

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Building B: three stories, of brick and stucco, light yellow, about 150 meters long and 50 meters wide. This building was built after 1945. Both buildings had low gabled red tile roofs. Name: TISZTI KORHAZ (Officers hospital).

#27 MARVANY Street (name unchanged).

#28 CONCRETE BRIDGE above railroad tracks.

#29 AREA OF DELI PALYAUDVAR (name unchanged) railroad station. At the beginning of 1951, excavation was begun here for the BUDA underground railroad.

#30 KRISTINA KOR Street (name unchanged).

#31 THE MARVANY UTCAI KERESKEDELMI ISKOLA elementary and high school; four story brick building about 100 by 20 meters, with gabled red tile roof.

#32 STREET (name unknown)

#33 THE 12TH DISTRICT MAIN POST OFFICE, (FO POSTA); seven stories high, red brick, approximately 200 by 50 meters; low gabled red tile roof.

#34 THE SZELL KALMAN TER SQUARE: (name unchanged); meeting point of all main streetcar lines.

#35 FORMER RACE TRACK. After the last war this hollow area was filled with debris from bombed buildings; now being built as a park. Name: VER MEZO Bloody Field (name unchanged).

#36 FIVE STORY APARTMENT BUILDING of brick with low gabled red tile roof. The Headquarters of the Hungarian Communist Party for the 12th District of BUDA was located on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

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2. The factory area was approximately 300 meters long and 200 meters wide. It was bordered by Csorsz Street [Point #2, Enclosure (A)] on the South. There was a villa surrounded by orchards, between the factory fence and the street (Point #3, Enclosure (A)) on the western side. [ ] the distance between the factory area and the street [Point #3 Enclosure (A)] to be about 50 meters. The northern side of the factory was bordered by a street [Point #3A, Enclosure (A)]. The distance between the factory area and the street [Point #5, Enclosure (A)] was about 100 meters. [ ] no smoke stacks in the vicinity of the factory. Each building was heated centrally by steam and had its own tool room. Concrete roads led from the gates to the various buildings. Each building was surrounded by a concrete apron about five meters wide; the rest of the area was covered with grass.

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3. [ ] the machinery used in the plant was of British and German manufacture; [ ]

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[ ] Electricity was provided by the city power plant. Raw materials and finished products were transported by trucks. [ ] the large part of the production went to the Soviet Union to be used for military purposes. The total number of employees was about 3000, and of this number there were about 100

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apprentices. Women were employed in both the workshops and the offices. An assistant lens cutter, working in the optical department received about 140 forints per week (a 40 hour work week). Morale of the workers was low because of the poor pay rates. The plant operated in three 8 hour shifts; the first shift began work at 0600 hours. It was usually closed from 1400 hours on Saturdays until 0600 hours next Monday. On the other hand, the offices operated from 1800 until 1600 hours.

The Points listed hereunder refer to  sketch of the Magyar Optikai Muevek, Enclosure (B) 50X1

- Point #1 ONE STORY WOODEN BUILDING, painted green, about 20 meters long and 10 meters wide; low gabled red tile roof. The building was used as a storage house.
- #2 FOUR STORY BRICK, REINFORCED CONCRETE AND YELLOW STUCCO BUILDING, about 40 meters long and 15 meters wide with flat roof, probably of concrete construction. During the last war, light antiaircraft guns were installed on the roof. The walls were almost entirely of windows. The building has a cellar covering its whole area. Parts for alarm clocks were made in this building.
- #3 THREE STORY BRICK REINFORCED CONCRETE BUILDING COVERED WITH YELLOW STUCCO, about 60 meters long and 20 meters wide with flat roof probably of concrete. Light anti-aircraft guns were installed on the roof during last war. The walls are almost entirely covered with windows. A cellar covered the entire area of building.
- #4 FOUR STORY BUILDING, of the same construction and appearance as building points #2 and #3, about 25 meters long and 10 to 15 meters wide. Estimated thickness of walls is 40 cm. This building housed the administrative and engineering sections of the plant. The Chief manager's office and the first aid section were located there.
- #5 THREE STORY BRICK BUILDING, covered with yellow stucco; about 30 by 30 meters. It had a flat roof, probably of concrete. It had a cellar covering the whole area. Walls were fitted with small ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $\frac{1}{2}$  meter) windows. Machinery was observed in the building, including the basement.
- #6 BUILDING OF THE SAME SIZE AND CONSTRUCTION AS BUILDING DESCRIBED IN POINT #5. Buildings points #5 and #6 were built around 1938 - 1940.
- #7 BUILDING OF EXACTLY THE SAME CONSTRUCTION AND SHAPE AS BUILDINGS IN POINTS #2 and #3. About 40 by 20 meters in area, five stories high. This building was constructed during 1946 - 1947. Heard that optical instruments parts, lenses and prisms for field glasses, AA guns sights and periscopes were made there. This building was known as the optical department of the plant.

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#8 UNDERGROUND AIR RAID SHELTER, of reinforced concrete, built towards the end of the last war, probably usable. Has only one entrance on the eastern side, top was covered with earth.

#9 STORE HOUSES AND EMPLOYEES MESS HALL. This point indicates the area where four or five buildings, of the same construction, shape and approximate size as buildings described in points #2 and #3, were located.

#10 GATE #2 OF IRON. The vehicle section was about three meters wide and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  meters high. The pedestrian section, adjacent to building described in point #6, was about two meters wide and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  meters high.

#11 GATE #1, of the same construction and size as gate #2.

#12 IRON FENCE SURROUNDING THE ENTIRE FACTORY AREA; about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  meters high.

#13 CSORSZ Street. [redacted] the factory street numbers were 40 for gate #2 and 42 for gate #1.

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#14 CEMETERY (same as point #16, Enclosure (A)).

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4. [redacted]  
All the buildings were central steam heated. Each building had its own tool room. Concrete roadways led from the gates to different buildings. Around all buildings there were concrete aprons about 5 meters wide. The rest of the area was covered with grass and flower beds. The factory area seemed to be kept in good shape.

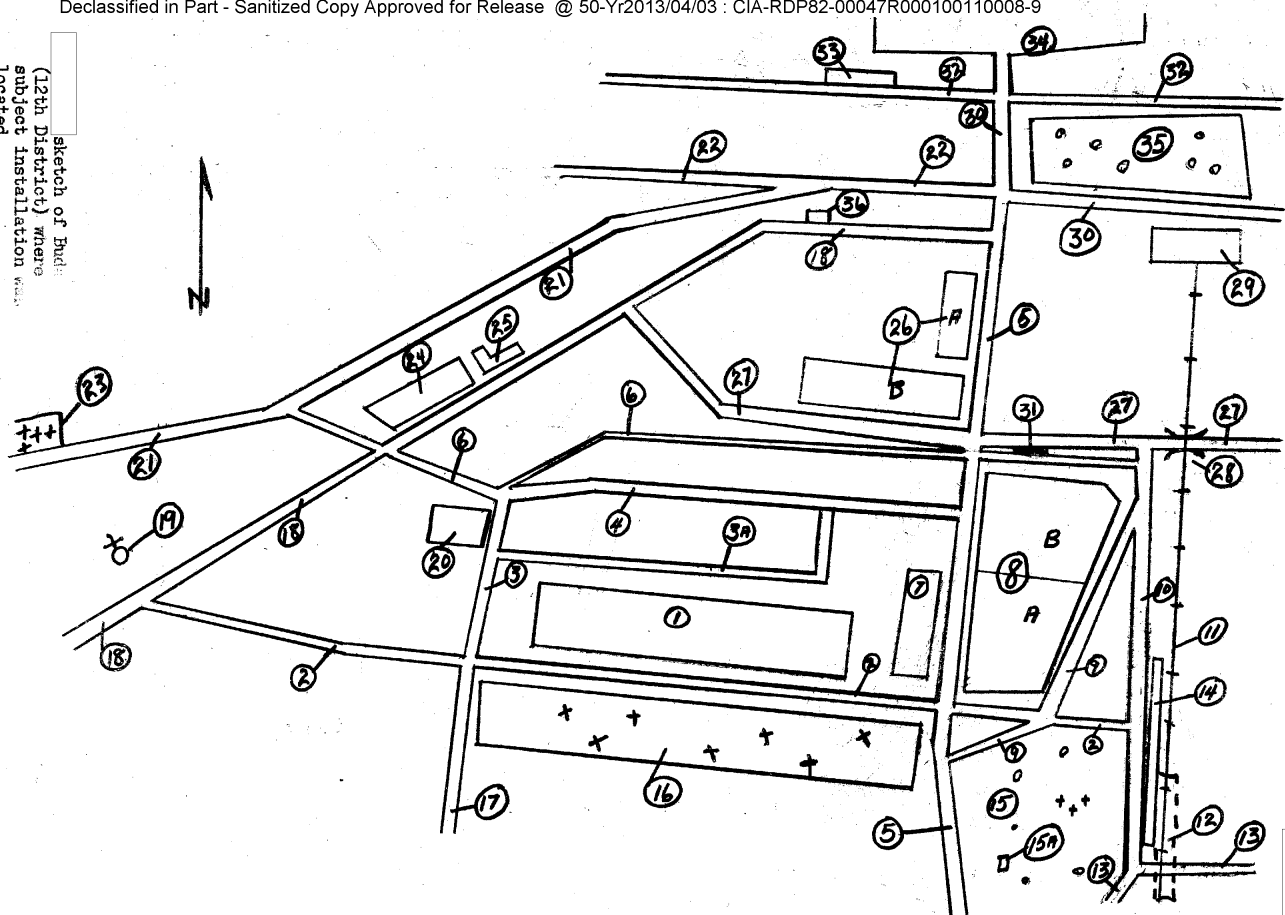
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Enclosures: (A) Sketch of BUDA (12th District) where subject installation was located.  
(B) Sketch of subject installation layout "Optical Plant - Budapest.

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Sketch of Buick  
(12th District) where  
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ENCLOSURE (A)

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